

**Amendment No. 1 to HB3498**

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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 3703**

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by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Chapter No. \_\_\_ of the Public Acts of 2006 (SB 7001 / HB 7001), being the Comprehensive Governmental Ethics Reform Act of 2006, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection to

SECTION 35, § 3-6-302:

( ) An individual who ceases to engage in lobbying for compensation may request that the ethics commission place his or her lobbyist registration on inactive status for the remainder of the registration year and, thereby, relieve such individual from further compliance with the requirements of this chapter except the provisions of §3-6-305 during such period. The ethics commission shall prescribe an inactive status request form and make such form available on the commission's Internet site.

(1) Upon approval of an inactive status request, the ethics commission shall remove such individual's name from any list of registered lobbyists maintained by the commission pursuant to this chapter.

(2) An individual who is placed on inactive status by the commission shall forfeit any fee paid during the registration year and shall be prohibited from both registering as a lobbyist and lobbying for compensation until the expiration of the registration year;

SECTION 2. Chapter No. \_\_\_ of the Public Acts of 2006 (SB 7001 / HB 7001), being the Comprehensive Governmental Ethics Reform Act of 2006, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subdivision of SECTION 35, § 3-6-305(b):

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(A) Expenses reimbursed by an employer of a lobbyist for food, refreshments, meals, or beverages that are provided to an official in the legislative or executive branch by an individual employee, officer, director, or member of such employer who is not otherwise an employer of a lobbyist or a lobbyist; provided that, the value of the food, refreshments, meals, or beverages provided to such official by any and all individual employees, officers, directors, or members of such employer shall not exceed fifty dollars (\$50) per day, excluding sales tax and gratuity, and shall not cumulatively exceed more than one hundred dollars (\$100) during a calendar year.

(B) The fifty dollar (\$50) and one hundred dollar (\$100) amounts in subdivision (A) shall be increased to the nearest one dollar (\$1) amount to reflect the percentage of change in the average consumer price index (all items-city average) as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor statistics, every odd-numbered year on January 1 starting in 2007. The ethics commission shall publish the increased amount on its web site;

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.